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Amateur Radio License Examinations are held on the *first* non-holiday Thursday of every month at The Franklin Institute Science Museum—registration finishes at 6 p.m. doors close at 6:30 PM-SHARP!

CLUB INFORMATION

Mailing address: P.O. Box 88, Abington, PA 19001

Internet Web site: <http://www.phil-mont.org>

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2-meter repeater: 147.03 MHz (Main site Roxborough receiver requires no PL, but transmits 91.5 Hz.)

Additional off-site receivers require the following subaudible tones:

Southampton 131.8 Hz—Center City 103.5 Hz—Lansdale 114.8 Hz—Broomall 85.4 Hz

70-cm repeater: 444.80 MHz (186.2 Hz PL)

Simplex: 147.51 MHz

24-hour club information at W3AA: 215-448-1139

STATIONS

W3AA - (Formerly W3TKQ) The Franklin Institute Science Museum, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee WU3I;

Manager: W3STW

The club sponsors this world-class demonstration station, and welcomes all licensed amateurs to operate it.

W3AA packet BBS frequency: 144.99 MHz: w3aa@w3aa.sepa.pa.usa.noam

W3AA e-mail: w3aa@phil-mont.org

W3EM - Field Day and special events station - Trustee W3VVS

W3QV - 147.03 MHz repeater - Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee W3BBB

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NET SCHEDULE

Sunday	09:30	147.03	MHzFM	"Sunday Morning 2 Meter Net"
	10:00	28.393	(+ or - for QRM)	MHzSSB "10-on-10 Net"
	10:20	3.993	MHzSSB	75 Meter Net
Tuesday	20:00	147.03	MHzFM	CW Practice Net

OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS

01 Ed Masarsky - KB3IV

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02 Susan DeCicco (XYL KE3QB)

03 Lisa Brady - KA3VIL (XYL N3IEI)

04 Joe Elmaleh - K3HU

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09 Jerri Ives (XYL W3SMA)

Carolyn Muroff (XYL W3SAI)

10 Patricia DiNardi - (XYL N3XKE)

11 Charlye Johnson, Jr. - KC3J

Howard Trout - W3IGW

14 Bill Mescanti, Jr. - WB3KUR

16 Linda Cullen (XYL N3XY*)

21 Dan Greene - K3HES

Joan Knickerbocker (XYL W3RJA)

23 Monica Johnson-Harrison - KA3OCI

Ed Rykaczewski - W3ALM

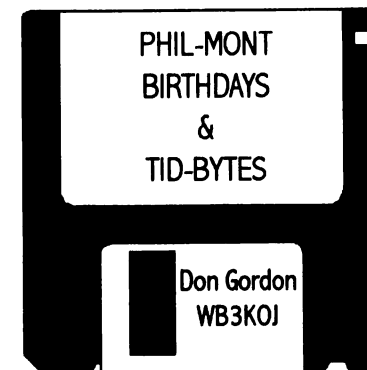
24 Chris Stafford - N3WCO

25 Rosalie Weinberg (XYL WP4MSX)

28 Charlie Stouth - W3ZPP

31 Dick Klein - W3WXC

*Indicates new member 1999



MEMBERSHIP STATS.

161 FULL

16 FAMILY

8 YOUTH

3 HONORARY

4 PENDING

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DIRECTORY SUPPLEMENT

A mid-year supplement to the 1999 PMRC Membership Directory is included with this issue. In addition to new listings, members who have changed their call, addresses or phone number(s) are also noted. If you have changes please note them on your 2000 Dues Invoice, which will be included with your January BLURB, or let me know via e-mail or on the air.

E-MAIL/PACKET LIST Please note the E-MAIL/PACKET List. If you would like to be included on the 2000 list (April) please send your information to: wb3koj@comcat.com OR wb3koj@w3ch.sepa.pa.usa.noam

"DON'T TAILGATE... WAIT"—for the courtesy 🚗!

ARRL task force seeks future technology proposals

The ARRL Technology Task Force wants to hear from hams with ideas and proposals for new technology to carry Amateur Radio into the next century. The ARRL Board of Directors created the Task Force and the companion Technology Working Group last January, and ARRL President Rod Stafford, W6ROD, has appointed a number of leading amateurs to serve on both panels. The Task Force and the Working Group will work hand-in-hand to identify, evaluate, and promote the most promising 21st Century technologies for Amateur Radio.

The Task Force consists of members of the ARRL Board family and the Headquarters staff. Chairing the Task Force is ARRL First Vice President Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML. Other TTF members are Roanoke Vice Director Dennis Bodson, W4PWF; Hudson Director Frank Fallon, N2FF; New England Director Tom Frenaye, K1KI; Southwestern Vice Director Art Goddard, W6XD; Pacific Director-elect (and current Vice Director) Jim Maxwell, W6CF; International Affairs Vice President Larry Price, W4RA; and Rocky Mountain Director Walt Stinson, W0CP.

The Technology Working Group will evaluate technical proposals and make recommendations to the Technology Task Force, which, in turn, will make specific policy proposals to the ARRL Board of Directors.

The Working group is an expert panel selected from among League members representing a broad spectrum of Amateur Radio interests and activities. Chairing the Working Group is CQ Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU. Other members are AMSAT-NA President Keith Baker, KB1SF; Peter Coffee, AC6EN; Mike Cook, AF9Y; Gene McGahey, NR0NR; ARRL Technical Relations Manager Paul Rinaldo, W4RI; Dennis Silage, K3DS, and QEX Editor Doug Smith, KF6DX.

ARRL Laboratory Supervisor Ed Hare, W1RFI, will serve as ARRL HQ staff liaison to both committees.

The Task Force invites information and concepts on a wide range of technologies with the potential to improve Amateur Radio and to promote what the FCC calls "continuation and extension of the amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art." The Task Force invites the submission of ideas and proposals from all parts of the amateur community, and will use the input to help formulate League policy recommendations on a wide range of technical issues.

Amateurs are invite to complete the form on ARRLWeb at <http://www.arrl.org/news/ttf/>, send e-mail to the Task Force at tfinput@arrl.org, or offer your ideas by mail to the ARRL Technology Task Force, c/o Ed Hare, W1RFI, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. Suggestions are requested by November 30, 1999. (ARRL) n

The PREZ SEZ



Here it is October 1999 and we have reached a very large milestone for Phil-Mont. Yep! That's right, it's time for our 50th Anniversary Party. The date and info is here in the Blurb. It will be held on Saturday, October 23, 1999. The date was printed incorrectly in the previous Blurb. You must send in your form. There will be NO last minute calls. If you are not signed up by the date on the form, you will just miss out.

The event will be subsidized by Phil-Mont to keep the cost per person down as low as it is. So come on out for an evening of fun! By the way, leave the HT at home. This is a night out!

I would like to thank the 40 members who voted down the proposed change to the by-laws, that would limit a Prez and VP to two terms of office. This was just a bad thing for Phil-Mont and the members agreed and voted, accordingly. Additionally, we voted for the changes to the by-laws to put us in line to file our 501(c)(3). This is a very good thing and it looks like we are going to, at long last, be able to file with the IRS.

Some things to think about... Would you like to be on the leadership team of Phil-Mont? Just a reminder that your leadership team is getting tired and just plain worn out. It is time to step forward and make it known that you would like to run for office in the best Ham Radio Club in the Delaware Valley. Just remember, it's your club and it will need leadership in the future.

Ed, KB3IV, is looking for a few net controls to help out on our nets. He is particularly looking for a CW net control for the weekly CW net. There are lots of no-code hams who would like to upgrade. They can't do it without the code. If we want them to be real hams let's help them out. Become a CW net control. As I am writing this, it is about a week before the big MS-150 bike tour. I must say we are just a bit short handed (about 9). It is sad that we have so many Hams in Phil-Mont who could help, but are just too lazy to come out for an hour or two. It's also sad that this is what the state of Ham radio has come to. We want the use of the frequencies, but we are too lazy to keep them.

If you would like to complete your one public service event required for this year, there is still one event left. Yes, you have one chance left this year. Charlie, AA3EP will soon be looking for help with Bryan's Run. This event is the first weekend in December, so come on out! Well, in case you don't know by now W3AA took a hit in a September storm. It took out the Kenwood 570, 3 computers and just piles of stuff. We are working towards replacing and repairing as needed. A big THANK YOU! to Al, W3STW, and Steve, WU3I, and all the regular people who staff W3AA every week for their time in

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UPCOMING

October 6 Director's meeting at WU3I

October 13 General Meeting will be about "Old Radios For Fun and Profit" by K2BN and WB3KIO

October 23 50th Anniversary Dinner

November 3 Director's meeting at K2BN

Bryan's Run will be held
in December of 1999

SOME 1999
HAMFESTS

OCT. 3 — Pack Rats - PA

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

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Locations

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring the original, and one photocopy of their license. All applicants, including children, must show two other types of ID. Also bring the original, and a copy, of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. The ARRL VEC's 1999 test fee is \$6.45; there is no charge for a Novice test.

- **THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE**
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ND3Q
215-879-0505 day, 215-448-1139 24-
hours
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- **UNIVERSITY OF PA**
Jeff DePolo
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home
- **WARMINSTER**
Tom Michaud, WA3TQJ
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Giselle Walls
302-478-2757

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Other Amateurs monitored these signals and attempts were made to contact the FCC and the ARRL Official Observer program, albeit, after hours or over the weekend. The alleged MW incursion into the Amateur bands continued on after the awards ceremony on Saturday and Sunday, as the crew disassembled the equipment and the stage set.

Several emails have been sent to contacts at MTV asking for MTV's side of the story; however, MTV has not responded to any of our inquiries.

The FCC parcels out the radio spectrum in pieces to different kinds of uses. For example there is spectrum allocated to broadcasters, to public safety agencies, to government agencies, to commercial uses, to cellular phones, and even to video producers. From time to time, some users intrude intentionally or unintentionally on frequencies allocated to another communications service. For this reason, many radio services monitor their spectrum allocations to locate improper use of their frequencies. For example FM radio broadcasters monitor for and locate "pirate radio" stations that broadcast without a license. To a trained transmitter hunter a transmitter is almost as easy to locate as a flashlight turned on inside a darkened room. The Amateur Radio Service maintains a team of volunteer radio monitors, known as Official Observers, as part of a program operated by the American Radio Relay League.

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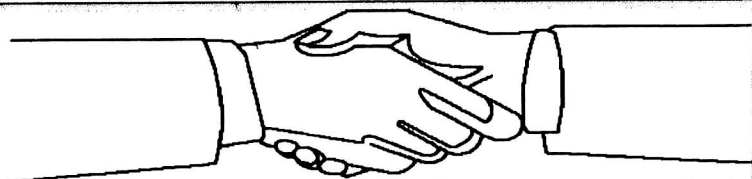
Help!

On the application for membership there is a question about what committee you want to work on. Many of you have expressed interest in working on the Blurb. Well, now is the time. Please contact me and we can discuss how you would like to contribute toward making a better *Blurb*.

73, Dean, N3TAL
Editor

"In Marseilles they make half the toilet soap we consume in America, but the Marseillaise only have a vague theoretical idea of its use, which they have obtained from books of travel."

Mark Twain (1835-1910)



Membership Applications

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NICKNAME: ROB

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COMMITTEES: Blurb Field Day Net
Control Program Publicity Rep. & Tech
Social Events Special Events Skywarn

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NAME: TONY SIMEK

NICKNAME: TONY CLASS: G

ADDRESS: 340 Centennial Road
Warminster PA 18974

OCCUPATION: HOSPITAL ADMINIS-
TRATOR

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BUS. PHONE: 215-481-4779

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PACKET:

COMMITTEES: W3AA

CALL: KB3DBG

NAME: RAOUL E. FREGUSON

NICKNAME: RAOUL

CLASS: T +

ADDRESS: 5013 N. 17th Street Phila-
delphia PA 19141-1503

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BUS. PHONE: 215-572-6000

E-MAIL: kb3dbg@hotmail.com

PACKET:

COMMITTEES: BLUB W3AA

CALL: KC2FIO

NAME: ROY NEWMAN

NICKNAME: ROY

CLASS: T

ADDRESS: 4101 Bridgeboro Road
Moorestown NJ 08057-3729

OCCUPATION: GLAZIER/BUS
DRIVER

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BUS PHONE: 856-764-9160

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PACKET:

COMMITTEES: W3AA

Minutes

SEPTEMBER DIRECTORS' MEETING

Art Weiner, N3LCV, Secretary



Minutes were taken by Red (W3RED), Asst. Secretary

The September Directors' Meeting was called to order in Eagleville by our President, Russ (W3CH), at 8:00 PM.

Treasurer's Report - Mike (K2BN) The Treasurer's Report was presented by Russ (W3CH) via the magic of his FAX machine. Mike was in Rochester, NY.

Repeater - Jim (W3BBB) The Broomall repeater will be moved by the end of the year. A new location is in the works.

Membership - Russ (W3CH) One new applicant was voted into membership. Welcome to Maggie (KB3DXS)

Sunshine - Steve (WU3I) - Ted (N3OWM) is on the mend at home. He just made "last call" on Sunday's two meter net while on the way home from the hospital. That's the spirit!

Picnic - Russ (W3CH) There were about fifty people in attendance. No bees this year
50th Anniversary Dinner - The dinner will take place on Saturday, October 23rd from 3:00 PM 'til 7:00 PM. It will be at **American Bandstand** in King of Prussia.

The cost of \$22.00 per person is for the meal only. The cost of the private room, the DJ, the set-up cash bar and decorations will be paid by the club. As part of the program for the evening the Archives Committee is preparing a re-run of the past 50 years at Phil-Mont. This is an opportunity to celebrate the 50th anniversary of one of the oldest radio clubs in the world! Phil-Mont even has some of its original members.

Those in attendance at this meeting were: Jim (W3BBB), Carol (N3PVO), Rick (N3DHI), Bill (W3GQD), Charlie (AA3EP), Bob (K3KUD) Dick (W3RM), Peter (KB3DFQ), Russ (W3CH), and Red (W3RED).

Thanks to Russ (W3CH) and his bride Chris (N3WC0) for hosting the meeting. □

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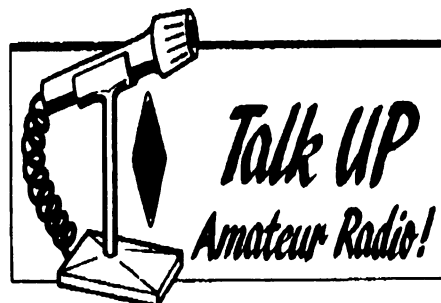
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The International Voice of The Franklin Institute Science Museum

Thursday September 9, 1999 lightning struck the station's R7 vertical antenna, located on the southeastern corner of the museum's roof, causing not only severe damage to it, but several pieces of station equipment as well. Damaged equipment includes: TS 570D Transceiver, W3AA Command Transceiver, W3AA-14 Bulletin Board Computer, Satellite Computer, Satellite Rotors/Control Box/2m Antenna, KAM TNC.

Although the above constitutes severe station damage, with the technical and financial assistance from the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club station, repair is underway. W3AA will remain open to explain the purpose of Amateur Radio to the visitors during posted hours.

As always Thanks to the F.I.S.M. maintenance personnel, the cadre of control operators, Bobbie and Adrienne. A special thank you to Bill, W3AOK, for the video cameras and Merrill for the financial gift. 73, Al



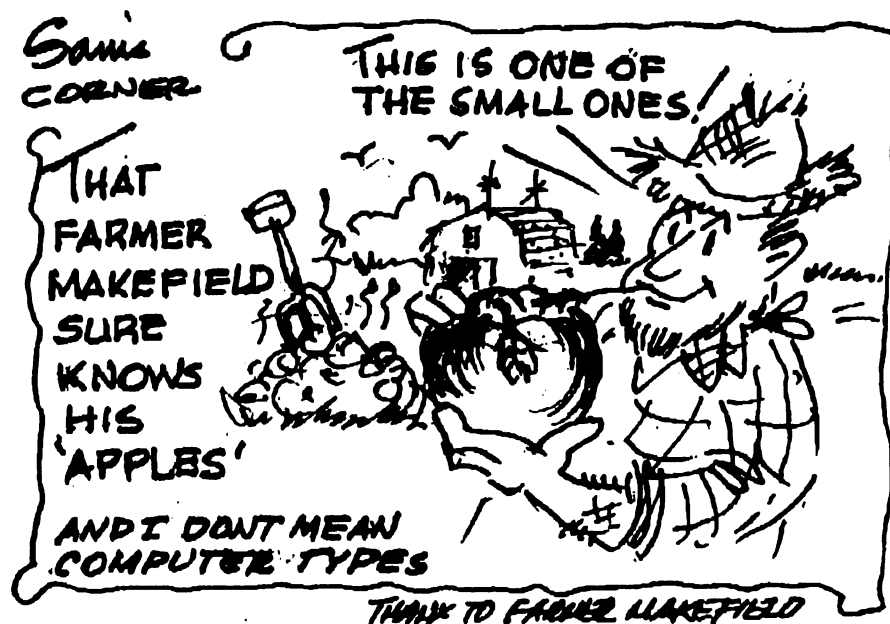
Internet: <http://www.fi.edu/tfi/exhibits/w3aa.html>

"Being in the army is like being in the Boy Scouts, except that the Boy Scouts have adult supervision."

Blake Clark

"To get back on your feet, miss two car payments."

Unknown



Training Courses Now Available for Men

- 26. The Gas Gauge in Your Car: Sometimes Empty MEANS Empty
 - 27. Directions: It's Okay to Ask for Them
 - 28. Listening: It's Not Just Something You Do During Halftime
 - 29. Accepting Your Limitations: Just Because You Have Power Tools Doesn't Mean You Can Fix It
- From Dan Greene K3HES

MTV Allegedly Used Amateur Radio Frequencies

Reported by Ed Mitchell, KF7VY

MTV, the popular music video cable television channel, reportedly made use of Amateur Radio frequencies during its recent September 9, 1999 MTV Video Music Awards presentation, telecast live from Lincoln Center in New York. According to reports received from several Amateur Radio operators the MTV production crew allegedly used a total of 16 radio frequencies in the 438 to 441 Mhz range. By FCC regulations, the Amateur frequencies may not be used for commercial purposes. According to Thomas Tumino, N2YTF, a law student at Fordham University, next door to Lincoln Center, he noticed the MTV crew communications on his handheld radio. Curious, he used a frequency sniffer to look for production radio frequencies across a broad swath of spectrum, but found MTV crew communications, only within the Amateur frequencies, ruling out that intermodulation was creating phantom signals.

Another Amateur, Nelson Suarez, KC2CVW, who lives nearby, started hearing the production crew communications 4 days prior to the telecast during stage and equipment setup. According to Nelson, he went directly to the MTV production crew and asked to speak to the person in charge of radio communications. He was directed to Someone who identified himself as "Chris". "Chris" insisted that they had a license to use these radio frequencies. When "Chris" was questioned about the use of Amateur frequencies for commercial operations, "Chris" then claimed to have a ham license.

The radios seen in use by the crew were Motorola HT-1000 handhelds, a 1 to 4 watt output HT operating on simplex frequencies. The UHF version of the HT-1000 is produced in a version that is programmable from 403 Mhz to 470Mhz, which includes the Amateur 420 to 450Mhz band.

To rule out the possibility of intermodulation or other mixing scenarios, KC2CVW, and Peter Zizza, KC2CDC, used commercial grade radio equipment and a scope to examine the radio signals, the continuous tone code squelch tone systems in use and other signal parameters.

Frequencies Allegedly Used by MW

1-438.0009-438.900	
2-438.350	10-439.100
3-438.450	11-450.500
4-438.500	12-439.700
5-438.600	13-439.950
6-438.700	14-440.100
7-438.800	15-440.350

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Minutes

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Art Weiner, N3LCV, Secretary



Minutes taken by Red (W3RED), Asst. Secretary.

The 589th General Meeting of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio club was called to order by our President, Russ (W3CH), at the Franklin Institute and Science Museum at 8:00 PM.

Treasurer's Report - Mike (K2BN) We're in pretty good shape.

Membership - Len (W3LEN) Len welcomed one new member - Maggie (KB3DXS).

Net Control - Ed (KB31V) We need more people to help with the Net Control positions. This includes the Code Practice Net on Tuesday nights. Instructions on how to send code Practice via machine will be given to those interested. Ed also thanked the volunteers at W3AA, who not only give their time and talents to our station, but also act as Net Control for the Ten Meter (10 on 10) Sunday morning net.

Programs - Charlie (AA3EP) "Old Radios for Fun and Profit" presented by Mike (K2BN) and Fred (WA3KIO) will be the topic for our October General Meeting.

Repeater - Jim (W3BBB) It's working, but we're making it better. Not to worry.

Public Service - Charlie (AA3EP) We need more help for the MS150.

Sunshine - Steve (WU31) Ted (N3OWN) is on the mend at home. Al (W35TW) also told us that Dan Green (.K3AGS) is hospitalized for after-surgery tests. Dan is a W3AA volunteer - Mr. Tuesday.

W3AA - Al (W3STW) The station is open from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. He needs someone to fill in for K3HES on Tuesdays.

Welcome - Charlye (K3CJ) Charlye's list showed 65 Hams of various clubs and 12 non-Ham visitors - mostly from Boy Scout Troop #72.

Social Events - 50th Anniversary Dinner, October 23rd - Saturday, at Dick Clark's Bandstand in King of Prussia. Cost is \$22.00 per person. The Club is paying for the private room, decorations, disc jockey, dessert, cash bar set-ups and tags and title insurance. A Special Achievements Section will also be presented. What more could you ask for?

New Business - Russ (W3CH) Time in office for president and Vice-President to be amended to our club by-laws. Voted opposed.

Publicity - Dick (W3RM) After an explanation of the 501(C)(3) application and its benefits to our Club, it was voted on and passed to accept the 501(C)(3) position.

After umpteen years of working, it is time to thank Dick (W3RM) and Henry (W3U1) for their tireless efforts that finally came true.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM and turned over to Charlie, (AA3EP) and his elves who handed out the MS150 station assignments and tee-shirts. n

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the repairs to our Station.

On a sad note it-looks like the FCC has taken the bite off Kornwell! They have worked out a deal with Kornwell to have him turn in his ticket for 4 years, in return he would not pay a fine. If you monitor him anywhere on a ham band write down the date and time, record it if you can and send all the info to Mr. Hollingsworth at the FCC, at once.

A new Ham web page is up and running. Thanks to Peter, KB3DFQ, there is now a Metro-Comm repeater page. It's neat and it shows a list of the system as well as pictures from the tops of the towers and pictures of the repeaters. Neat place to stop by and visit. (<http://metro-comm.freethinkers.net>).

Last month was the first month we had all the folks who filled out a new application to join Phil-Mont stand up at the meeting and tell us about themselves. As you know, you must now come to two meetings before you are voted on for membership in Phil-Mont. This looks like it is going to be a good thing. At least we will know something about who we are voting into our club.

See you all at the 50th Anniversary of Phil-Mont!
73 de Russ, W3CH

NEWSLETTERS EXCHANGED

Anne Arundel Radio Club (Maryland)
Baltimore Radio Amateur Television Society (BRATS)
Cherryville Repeater Association (New Jersey)
Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club (DLARC)
Delmont Radio Club
Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club (Florida)
Marple Newtown Amateur Radio Club
Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club (MARC)
Penn Wireless Association
R F Hill Amateur Radio Club
Tampa Amateur Radio Club (Florida)
Warminster Amateur Radio Club
Worldradio Magazine

Exchanges with additional parties are welcomed.

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DX news

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ANNOBON ISLAND, 3C0. 3C0R is QRV on 160 to 6 meters, including the newer bands, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via EA5FVY.

RWANDA, 9X. Vladimir is QRV as 9X/RE3A for several months. Activity is on 20, 15 and 10 meters. QSL to RW3AH. MOZAMBIQUE, C9. Rei, DL6DQW, will be QRV as C91FR/p from Inhaca Island, IOTA AF-066, from September 18 to 21. Activity is planned on all HF bands, including 6 meters, using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

PALESTINE, E4. Ayar, OZ6ACD, is QRV as E44/OZ6ACD. His length of stay is unknown. QSL to home call.

TAJIKISTAN, EY. The Tajik Amateur Radio League is QRV until the end of September as EY1100 to celebrate the 1100th anniversary of the first Tajiks-State of Samanids. Activity is on all HF bands, including the newer bands, using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV. QSL via DJ1SKO.

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS, HC8. Trey, N5KO, is QRV as HC8N. QSL via AA5BT.

JORDAN, JY. Koji is QRV as JY9NX. He has been QRV on 15 meters using RTTY around 1300 and 1500z. QSL via JH7FQK.

NORWAY, LA. During the IARU Region

1 Conference, Special Event Station LA1IARU will be QRV from September 19 to 25. CW and SSB activity is expected on all HF bands. QSL via the bureau. LEBANON, OD. Ali, JY4NE, is QRV as OD/JY4NE until the end of September. QSL via KB6NAN.

ALAND ISLAND, OH0. Look for OH0V to be QRV in the SAC CW Contest as a Multi/Multi entry on 80 to 10 meters. Look for other OH0 calls as well. QSL OH0V via OH4JLV.

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS, VP5. Chris, HB9CYV, and Martin, HB9CYN, will be QRV as VP5/homecalls until September 26. Look for their CW and SSB activity on 160 to 10 meters. QSL to home calls. MACEDONIA, Z3. Look for IV3FSG to be QRV from Skopje as Z38/IV3FSG using SSB and RTTY. She is here on a humanitarian mission until the end of September. QSL to home call.

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Field Day

Field day is about TEAMWORK!!! We put up 4 towers and 3 wire antenna. This does not happen by one or two people. Towers require 6 strong people to raise and lower. Many thanks to those who helped with this. The wire antennas needed the eagle eye of Gene, N3XKE, aka the hitman, to man the potato gun.

Of course the band captains and operators make the contacts, but without the antennas up nothing happens. TEAMWORK makes it happen. When someone is struggling with a tent or cable or guy rope, step up and offer your help. Don't wait to be invited. By then something can fall and break. We all have to work together to make this work.

We need two new band captains for the year 2000. These are on 75/80 and 10 meters.

Many thanks to Russ, W3CH, for securing the donation of the food for dinner and breakfast. I missed the first, but not the last. I also heard that a fair number of UNREGISTERED EATERS showed up for dinner, causing some to have no dinner. Well, I don't have anymore sisters to drag me away so I will make sure only the registered operators get their fill before anyone else gets any.

73, Steve, WU3I



W3CI Trades Fine for long-term Suspension

Facing a hefty fine in a malicious interference case, Amateur Extra licensee Kornwell H. Chan, W3CI, of Dresher, Pennsylvania, has cut a deal with the FCC to suspend his license for four years, effective immediately, in exchange for not having to pay up.

Earlier this year, Chan and Technician licensee Michael E. Gallagher, KB1DTA (ex-KB3DHX), of W Concord, Massachusetts, each received \$7500 fines from the FCC in connection with malicious interference to the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club VHF and UHF repeaters. Following up on complaints from the Phil-Mont club, FCC personnel monitored interfering signals which included transmissions of classical music and a person talking with a disguised voice. In February, FCC personnel using direction-finding gear tracked the signal to a vehicle occupied by Chan and Gallagher and equipped with amateur gear.

Chan subsequently negotiated with the FCC to give up his Extra ticket until 2003 instead of paying the \$7500 fine if there are no violations of the suspension agreement. FCC Legal Adviser for Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, told the ARRL that Chan "was cooperative and helped the Commission with information regarding the jamming." Under the agreement, Chan's license will be suspended until September 1, 2003.

In a letter this week, Hollingsworth reminded Chan that, during the suspension, he would have no authority to operate Amateur Radio equipment and will have to be on his best behavior. Specifically, he cautioned Chan about any efforts at retali-

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ating against those who had complained about his radio operation in the first place. Hollingsworth cautioned Chan that "any such incidents of retaliation for which you are directly or indirectly responsible will nullify this agreement, and will jeopardize your Amateur Radio license." No similar deal is in the works for Gallagher. The FCC had cited Chan and Gallagher for failing to operate "in accordance with good amateur practice," failing to identify as required, transmitting music on amateur frequencies, and willfully impeding legitimate amateur communications.

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10 2M NCS W3STW 10M NCS W3AA 75M NCS KB3IV	11 Columbus Day	12 Code Practice 8PM WA3NSP	13 General Meeting at The Franklin Institute Refreshments at 7:00 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:30	14	15	16 Blue DEADLINE!
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